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the wife is always responsible for the food. Men do not cook. Old, solitary persons or unmarried girls or men live with relatives or friends, but never alone, since a single person is unable either to protect himself or to provide for himself adequately.

The father's authority is great. Wife and children owe him absolute obedience. Nevertheless, the man does not have the right to alienate personal articles of members of the family or possessions that they made themselves. Thus, for example, he is not in a position to sell a coca bag or a fiber bag belonging to his wife or his children's toys.

The children are given the family name of the father, but the women keep their maiden names even after marriage. There is no external indication in dress or hair style or otherwise for unmarried girls and married women. The wife is obligated to work for her husband and children in her family. Beyond that she may procure personal belongings for herself by weaving cloth beyond the needs of her family, for example, and trading it for ornaments.

If the young people are still living in the house with their parents, the daughter-in-law is not absolutely subordinate to her mother-in-law, although this appears to be so, to judge from the speech at the wedding ceremony. A relationship of dependence is out of the question because of the separate kitchens. Usually, however, mother-in-law and daughter-in-law are on good terms, and then it is not uncommon for only one woman to cook for both families, for there is no in-law avoidance. Then the two women share the work of cleaning the house.

Conjugal fidelity is demanded of both marriage partners; in the case of the man, however, it is sometimes not taken so seriously. If a man surprises his wife, however, or she her husband, in marital infidelity, the deceived party may beat (but not kill) both and report them to the cabildo, which again has the guilty party very soundly thrashed.

Illegitimate children are not rare among the Paez. In case an unmarried girl has a child, she is beaten by her parents and

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584 father, and the latter distributes it /192/ to everyone and gives
43/ the bringer and all those present some of his own chicha to drink. This continues all night until everyone is drunk. In the morning the daughter-in-law, along with her father-in-law, goes back to the house of the latter, and from then on she lives with her husband until the wedding.

●606 In case the father of the girl should not be satisfied with the
585 young man as a son-in-law, he would still not take any practical action against this union of his daughter, since he does not have to pay a dowry anyway. Besides, once children arrive, the
[591] parents are always satisfied. If, conversely, the father of the young man is not satisfied with the latter's choice of a bride, he may refuse him his house. In this case the young people customarily immediately build their own house, a small one at first.

58 The wedding generally does not take place very soon after courtship among the Paez, but only after a year or more. First of all there begins a trial period, which, however, has an altogether conjugal character. During this time of "trial marriage" the housekeeping abilities of the girl are to be tested, for the latter brings into marriage no dowry of any kind from her parents or any other possessions except her clothing. Since there are no social grounds for a choice of bride in the nonstratified Paez community, and no stimulus to marry on the grounds of a large dowry or on account of the possibility of a low bride price, there are no
581 child betrothals. As bride and wife a girl has only the merit of
462 her personality and her personal capabilities. The latter have the greater weight. It is required of a woman that she be able to cook and to weave the cloth for the whole family, that she not gossip, keep the house in order, and, above all, that she be able to keep the fire going at night and prepare the meal on time in
[264] the morning. The Paez are in the habit of having their first meal
[252] very early, at five or four o'clock in the morning, and an hour before that the woman must already begin preparing the food.
[362] Moreover, as we have seen, the walls of the house are only made
[513] of maize stalks placed side by side, and give scarcely any protection against the coolness of the night. They therefore sleep lying

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604 laugh, but nothing more. The uncle's wife is to be called aunt and she receives the nephew's blessing because she is older. He may not joke with her. Should she become a widow (echui), the nephew may not marry her because he must respect her. We have not been able to find any information that might make one suspect avuncular or amitate relations.

605 Cousins of the first degree, paternal and maternal, respect each other and avoid aggressive attitudes among themselves. Between male cousins presents of harvest produce may be made, which is not done with the female cousins, for they live with their respective husbands.

602 The parents of married couples call each other compadre (compale). There is no difference of comportment between them; the greeting is given by the first one to see his compadre.

● 606 Sexual relations between father-in-law and daughter-in-law are [835] prohibited, just as between son-in-law and mother-in-law. There are cases in which the parents-in-law do not care for their son-in-law, and also in which the parents-in-law do not care for their daughter-in-law.

607 Following the general standards of conduct, EGO shows more respect toward his older brothers-in-law than toward the younger ones. A man may not cohabit with the wife of his brother, which is characterized as "mucha grosería" /great rudeness/. The husband may cohabit with the sister of his wife, [587] but it is characterized as "muy feo" /very ugly/. The marriage of a man to the widow of his brother or that of a woman to the widower of her sister is also regarded as wrong. Relations between brothers-in-law are cordial; "they respect each other as though they belonged to the same family."

The brothers and sisters of the husband treat the brothers and sisters of the wife as compadres. They may marry each other.

[602] /178/ The sons of the brothers and sisters of the father are nothing to the sons of the brothers and sisters of the mother. They do not speak to each other.